

REMARKS

Claims 6-33 and 35-50 are currently pending in the present Application, with claims 6-33 and 35-44 and 50 standing either allowed or objected to, but allowable if corrected. Claims 45-49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) or 103(a).

In order to advance this application to allowance, the Applicants are requesting amendment of the pending claims to cancel claims 45-49, and to correct claims 6 and 11. Specifically, claim 6 would be amended to insert the article "the" after "opposite" in line 16 to recite "a direction opposite the vehicle forward driving direction." Antecedent basis for this direction exists in line 12 of claim 6. As to claim 11, the limitations of claim 10 have been incorporated in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully request entry of the requested amendments and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 6-33, 35-44 and 50.

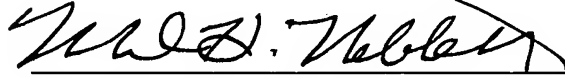
If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit

Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #028987.52313US).

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Respectfully submitted,

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